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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

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☒ None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention describes methods, kits and compositions for the detection of ryanodine receptor antibodies in patient serum samples with the aid of N-terminal fragments of the receptor. The invention also describes a method for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical agent comprising such fragments for the prevention and/or treatment of the disease myasthenia gravis, and a method of myasthenia gravis prognosis.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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